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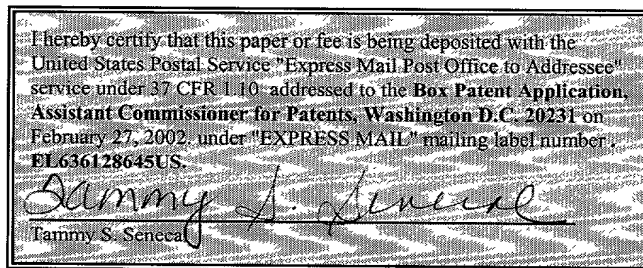
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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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Title: A PROTECTION SWITCH IN A TWO-FIBER OPTICAL CHANNEL SHARED PROTECTION RING

1. Type of Application

This is a request for filing a CONTINUATION APPLICATION under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/799,374  
Filed: March 5, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2633  
Examiner: Ming Li

Title: A PROTECTION SWITCH IN A TWO-FIBER OPTICAL CHANNEL SHARED PROTECTION RING

Inventors: Ming Li; Mark Soulliere; Richard Wagner

2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:

- 13 Page(s) of Specification
- 9 Page(s) of Claims
- 1 Page(s) of Abstract
- 11 Sheet of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-10)

B. Other Papers Enclosed

[x] A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior application.

**7. Assignment**

The prior application is assigned of record to Corning Incorporated. at Reel 011915,  
Frame(s) 0249.

**8. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:**

- A. Filing Fee  
☒ Original Patent Application \$ 740.00  
(37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) --\$740.00; Small Entity--\$355.00)
- B. Fees for Claims (**35** Claims; **4** Indep.)  
☒ each independent claim in excess of 3  
(37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)--\$84.00; small entity--\$42.00) \$ 80.00
- ☒ each claim in excess of 20  
(37 C.F.R. 1.16(c)--\$18.00; small entity--\$9.00) \$ 270.00
- ☐ multiple dependent claim(s)  
(37 C.F.R. 1.16(d)--\$270.00; small entity--\$135.00) \$ .00
- Total Fees Due \$ 1,060.00**

**9. Payment of Fees and Authorization to Charge Additional Fees or Credit Overpayment**

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,060.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0289. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

February 27, 2002  
Date

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3. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting after the title and before the first line the sentence:

**--Cross Reference to Related Application**

This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/799,374, filed March 5, 2001, now allowed, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

**4. Relate Back**

**A. 35 U.S.C. 119(e)**

☒ Priority of provisional application Serial No. 60/187,656 filed March 7, 2000, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

**B. 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 and 365(c)**

☒ Priority of said prior application 09/799,374, filed March 5, 2001, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

**C. 35 U.S.C. 119 Priority Claim for Prior Application**

☐ Priority of foreign application(s) No. , filed in is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application was filed in prior application Serial No. on .

☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.

**5. Declaration or Oath (including Power of Attorney)**

The power of attorney in the prior application is to Daniel P. Malley, Reg. No. 43,443:

☒ A copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

☒ Address all future communications to:

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**6. Inventorship Statement**

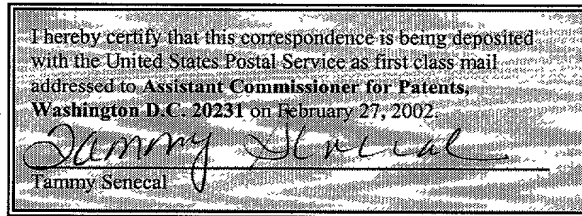
The inventorship for all the claims in this application are the same.

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**NOTIFICATION OF FILING OF  
CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Notification is hereby being made of the filing of a:


- ☒ continuation
- ☐ continued prosecution application
- ☐ divisional

application for this case

- ☒ concurrently herewith.
- ☐ on \_\_\_\_\_  
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